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BROOKLYN MAN INDICTED ON COUNTERFEITING CHARGE

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and A. Jeff Garvin, Resident Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Wilmington Resident Office, announced today that Kelin Bradley, age 21, a resident of Brooklyn, New York, was indicted on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, by the Grand Jury for the District of Delaware. The Indictment charges Bradley with one count of passing counterfeit currency, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 472. The maximum penalty for the offense is twenty years in jail, a fine of up to \$250,000, three years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The Indictment follows a criminal complaint filed against Bradley on Monday, February 12, 2007. In that complaint, a United States Secret Service Special Agent alleged that Bradley passed \$1,000.00 in counterfeit bills at various stores at the Concord Mall and Brandywine Town Center. Bradley was arrested initially by a Delaware State Police Officer in response to a call from the Sears store in the Concord Mall that Bradley had passed \$200.00 in counterfeit bills to buy a television set. A further investigation recovered an additional \$800.00 in counterfeit bills at the various stores. The complaint alleged that Bradley passed "bleached" \$100.00 bills. According to the complaint, "bleaching" is a technique whereby a genuine bill of a smaller denomination has its ink chemically removed. A larger denomination is then printed on the genuine paper in an attempt to retain the anti-counterfeiting properties inherent to the genuine currency.

U.S. Attorney Connolly stated that, "Passing counterfeit currency is a serious offense which disrupts the integrity of the local economy. Our office is committed to prosecuting counterfeiting offenses, and, with the help of the United States Secret Service, to educating members of the public to help spot counterfeit currency." Resident Agent in Charge of the Wilmington Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, A. Jeff Garvin

said, “RAC Wilmington is committed to enforcing these types of counterfeiting offenses and working together with local law enforcement agencies, such as the Delaware State Police, to stem the flow of illegal currency into our region.”

This case was investigated by the United States Secret Service and the Delaware State Police. Assistant United States Attorney Robert F. Kravetz is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

For further information, contact Assistant United States Attorney Robert Kravetz.

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